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## **CRAIG REACTS TO PETRAEUS, CROCKER TESTIMONY**

**General, Ambassador paint picture of progress in Iraq**

BOISE, ID - General Petraeus and U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan Crocker testified before the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations committees today regarding the troop surge in Iraq.

“I was pleased to hear the forthright testimony before Senate committees today by General Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan Crocker regarding the status of U.S. and coalition efforts in Iraq,” said Idaho Senator Larry Craig.

“Unfortunately, many were quick to prejudge the surge, as well as the testimony of General Petraeus and Ambassador Crocker,” Craig continued. “However, I believe their testimony told a positive story. Our soldiers are making progress on the ground to provide breathing room for the Iraqi government, and we have seen a significant decrease in violence across the country, and most importantly, in Baghdad. That being said, the Iraqi government must stand up and prove to their people that they can govern and secure their country from violence.”